

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Relief - Suicidal deaths of Farmers-Enhancement of ex-gratia to Rs.3.50 lakhs and loan settlement ceiling limit to Rs.1.50 lakhs to mitigate the distress and debt of deceased family members of farmers who have committed suicide-Orders-Issued.

REVENUE (CMRF) DEPARTMENT

G.OMs.No. 62

Dated:19th February, 2015

Read:

G.O.Ms.No.421 Revenue (DA-II) Department Dated:01.06.2004.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. read above, Government have evolved a '**special package**' to support the distressed family members of farmers as indicated below :

• **Financial Assistance :**

An ex gratia of Rs.1.00 lakh (Rupees One lakh only) in cases of suicide provisionally arises out of farm income related issues to the family/next to kin of the deceased farmer, as an economic support, besides loan settlement up to a ceiling of Rs.50,000/-(Rupees Fifty thousand only) as one time settlement, to creditors followed by a rehabilitation package.

Additional benefits :

- a) Admission of children in Social Welfare schools and Hostels.
- b) Allotment of houses under I.A.Y Scheme,
- c) Economic support under Government schemes and
- d) Pensions.

2. Government after careful examination, observed that the financial assistance, envisaged in 2004, is not commensurate with the present socio economic circumstances. The ceiling limit fixed, up to Rs.50,000/- only, under loan settlement package paid to debtors, as one time settlement, to clear off the liabilities also is a very small amount, when compared to the debts with institutional and private money lenders raised by the farmers. This is essentially due to escalation of prices of agrarian farm in-puts, fertilizers, and investments etc., A study of the debts raised by the farmers reveals that, 80% of the deceased farmers, raised debts, up to Rs. 2.00 lakhs to Rs. 10.00 lakhs due to repeated crop failures, and successive droughts. It is further observed that heavy investments are made in drilling bore wells and there is high percentage leading to repeated drilling and failure which created debt spiral. Similarly, an ex-gratia of Rs. 1.00 lakh is insufficient to the distressed family in the present circumstances, particularly in drought prone Districts. Keeping in view the increased distress of the farmers, a policy decision has been taken that the present ex-gratia of Rs.1.00 lakh be enhanced to Rs.3.5 lakhs and also to enhance the loan settlement amount from Rs.0.50 lakhs to Rs.1.50 lakhs to mitigate the debt burden and distress of the family members of the deceased farmers.

3. Accordingly, Government hereby enhance the ex-gratia and loan settlement ceiling limit to the family members of the deceased farmers in the following manner.

- Enhance Ex-gratia from Rs.1.00 lakh (Rupees One lakh only) to Rs.3.50 lakh (Rupees Three lakh Fifty thousand only) to the family of the deceased farmer towards rehabilitation of the family ; and
- Enhance Loan settlement ceiling limit from Rs.0.50 lakhs (Rupees Fifty Thousand) to Rs.1.50 Lakh (Rupees One lakh Fifty Thousand) to the persons (debtors) entitled; as one time settlement and to wipe off all the liabilities on the part of deceased families of farmers.

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4. The additional benefits will continue as envisaged in G.O.Ms.No.421 Revenue (D.A.II) Department Dated:01.06.2004.

5. All the District Collectors are hereby requested to immediately initiate necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To

The CCLA., A.P., Hyderabad.

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All the District Superintendents of Police,

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The PS to Joint Secretary to Chief Minister,

The PS to OSD to Chief Minister (CMRF)

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